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Report of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

Newkirk, Okla., December 1, 1904.

Hon. T. B. Ferguson,

Governor of Oklahoma.

Sir: I herewith submit the third biennial report of the Oklahoma Historical Society, as required by statute and your recent request.

LINCOLN McKINLAY,

President.

P R E S I D E N T ' S R E P O R T .

This year closes the tenth year of the Society as organized under the act of the legislature, and the 12th year since the organization of the Society by the Oklahoma Press Association.

The membership of the Society embraces all of the editors of the Territory that furnish the Society with their publications regularly; also a number of citizens of Oklahoma, who have been interested in the work of the Society and have been elected to membership on the payment of an annual fee of one dollar as provided by the regulations of the Society. The near approach of statehood with Indian Territory will soon place the press of that Territory on the same basis as the editors of Oklahoma. The editors of Indian Territory are deeply interested in the work of this Society as is proved by the fact that nearly all are now sending their publications regularly to the Society rooms at Oklahoma City.

The constitution of the Society provides that a majority of the Board of Directors shall be editors who are members of the Society. The following is the roster of the Officers and Directors for the last biennial period:

DIRECTORS, 1904-1905.

Frank Northup, Oklahoma City.

Lincoln McKinlay, Newkirk.

Roy Stafford, Oklahoma City.

Jasper Sipes, Oklahoma City.

J. B. Thoburn, Guthrie.

J. W. McNeal, Guthrie.

Sidney Clarke, Oklahoma City.

V. C. Welch, Perry.

F. H. Greer, Guthrie.

Lon Whorton, Perry.

W. P. Campbell.

OFFICERS, 1904-1905.

Lincoln McKinlay, President.
Jasper Sipes, Vice President.
Sidney Clarke, 2nd Vice President.
Lon Whorton, Secretary.
W. P. Campbell, Custodian.

The annual meetings of the Society are held in the first week of June each year at the Oklahoma Historical Rooms, Carnegie Building, Oklahoma City.

This Society is chartered under a special act of the Legislature of 1895, making it the custodian of the Territory for the collection and preservation of historical matter of interest to the two territories. The passing of the Indian and his tribal conditions gives to this period and this Society an unusual opportunity to gather much valuable historical matter unobtainable by the Societies of other states, and which would be wholly lost to history if not saved now.

The Society collections are kept in a fire proof part of the Carnegie Library Building at Oklahoma City, making a most secure and central location, until the territory shall have a capitol building. The consideration for the use of the rooms is only nominal as provided by contract with the Library Board, and it is a credit to Oklahoma City that such excellent quarters have been provided.

The meagre appropriations for the Society have hampered the work by making it impossible in recent years to employ a custodian who could devote his entire time and attention to the work of the Society. But by economy the Directors were enabled to save enough out of the last biennial appropriation by last May to put in charge Mr. W. P. Campbell, as Custodian, who devotes his full time to the work. Mr. Campbell was one of the original promoters of historical work in the territory, and has taken great interest in the work of the Society since taking charge the 1st of June, 1904. He has begun a systematic classification and indexing of the collections of the Society so as to make them available for ready reference by the people of the Territory and all visitors; he has secured the addition to the files many territorial papers that had not been coming; he has secured much other valuable historical matter.

The Society secured the services of Hon. Sidney Clarke as cus-

todian for a few months during the year 1903; during this time Mr. Clarke collected much valuable historical matter, and himself donated to the Society a valuable set of historical records and maps relating to the famous Greer county case.

For many months past and during the recent campaign the rooms of the Society were visited by a large number of the citizens of our territory, and its records were almost daily searched with care and interest. And this is but a beginning of the usefulness of the collections, which usefulness will mightily increase as the years go by.

The reports of the Custodian and the Treasurer are transmitted herewith and made a part of this report.

NEEDS OF THE SOCIETY.

The first and greatest need is an adequate appropriation for the expenses of the Society, which should not be less than three thousand dollars for the next biennial period; this amount is about one-fifth of what Kansas and some other states spend for their historical societies for the same time. The salary of Custodian, binding of newspaper files and the incidental expenses if properly done will require that amount. During the last biennial period there has been a custodian in charge devoting his full time to the work, only since last June, and that at only a nominal salary of little more than living expenses. During the next two years there will be double the number of newspaper files to be bound, and with a careful expenditure for incidental expenses and the payment of a fair salary for the custodian, it will require the amount above estimated. There are no salaries paid except for the custodian work.

An adequate appropriation will enable the Directors of the Society to secure a competent custodian for the full biennial period and also care for all other needs of the Society.

Statehood of the two great territories for the one greater state seems now so near at hand that the needs and opportunities of the Oklahoma Historical Society expand manifold; and this commonwealth will surely not suffer it to lack.

Respectfully submitted,

LINCOLN McKINLAY,

President Oklahoma Historical Society.

Newkirk, Oklahoma, December 1st, 1904.

OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

CUSTODIAN'S REPORT.

Society Rooms, Oklahoma City, Okla., November 30, 1904.

Lincoln McKinlay, President Oklahoma Historical Society, and Board of Directors:

Find herewith list of fixed properties and summary of accessions on the shelves of the society at this date.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM P. CAMPBELL,

Custodian.

FIXED PROPERTIES.

Folding desk.

Office chair.

Letter file cabinet.

Copy Press.

Sorting table 4x9 feet.

Showcase for curios.

Table for same 3x5 feet.

Distributing table 4x5 feet.

Four cabinets 2x16x8 for bound files, capacity 1,600 volumes.

Accession books for periodicals.

Accession book, general.

Remington typewriter.

Framed group territorial board of education.

Double frame for Get-up, first Oklahoma paper.

Framed life-crayon David L. Payne.

Society charter framed.

Cabinets (44 feet with shelving) for filing periodicals as they come in before binding.

Framed first steam car train in America (photo) 1831.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

Number bound—

Oklahoma, 1,031.

Indian Territory, 149.

Kansas, 91.

Missouri, 77.

Nebraska, 7.

Colorado, 7.

Illinois, 4.

Texas, 5.

Indiana, 2.

Wisconsin, 4.

South Dakota, 1.

New York, 6.

Washington, D. C., 1.

Total 1,385.

Unbound newspapers and periodicals 1904—

Oklahoma, 328.

Indian Territory, 158.

Outside, 16.

These include those that have suspended or merged during the year, but does not include numberless stray copies and volumes suspended during previous years, such as McMaster's Magazine, Medical Journals, I. & O. Magazine, Last Frontier, Twin Territories, Morgan's Oklahoma Chief, college, school and secular Oklahoma and Indian Territory publications.

GENERAL ACCESSIONS.

Following is a summary of character and number of items of the most important features of the collection:

Governors' messages and reports of other territorial officers and institutions complete from first to date, 88.

Congressional, pertaining to territorial affairs, 302.

Speeches and other matters political, 212.

Books, pamphlets, etc., miscellaneous, 252.

Early publications of religious trend, various sections, 35.
Stray Oklahoma and Strip border publications, early date, 104.
Periodicals of medical trend, early date, various sections, 30.
Periodicals of educational trend, early date, various sections, 47.
Congressional records and other government documents bound 335.
Unbound government documents of present-topic interest, 285.
Secret order publications, early date, various sections, 19.
Miscellaneous memorials, souvenirs, etc., Oklahoma, very numerous.
Duplicate reports A. & M. College, Stillwater, 60.
Duplicate revised statutes of Oklahoma, bound, 3.
Duplicate bound volumes Oklahoma laws, 1895, 39.
Duplicate Oklahoma House and Council Journals, 1895, 40.
Duplicate Oklahoma messages and official reports, 300.
Bound insurance reports various states and territories, 79.
Leading magazines, (16), number of copies, 200.
Various scenes in Oklahoma and Indian Territory (photos), 112.
Photos of prominent Indians and Oklahoma people, 45.

CARE OF COLLECTION.

The collection is kept in the Carnegie Library Building, upper floor, at Oklahoma City. The building is fire-proof, heated by furnace and supplied with electric lights.

Bound volumes of newspapers are kept in cabinets by counties in Oklahoma and by letter in the Indian Territory, so that any given publication may be commanded readily. The same system prevails in regard to publications as they are received, before binding. A card system has been introduced, the date of each publication being carded as soon as filed. A newspaper accession book has also been installed in which is recorded under headings the name of publication, when established, by whom, name of editor, date of first copy received; and a column for noting suspensions, merging, change of management, etc. A general accession book has been installed in which is recorded name of author, title of accession, date, binding, character, where published, when received, donor, etc. The data is such as will admit of the library card index system.

Back numbers or files of eighty territorial publications have been secured since taking charge of the collection June 1, 1904; and with very few exceptions all publications of both territories are now coming regularly to the files.

W. P. CAMPBELL,
Custodian.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Following is an itemized statement of warrants drawn for expenses, 1903-4, as shown by the secretary's books up to and including November 30, 1904.

March 14, 1903, warrant 5865—L. McKinlay	
Preparing files, R. R. fare, etc.	\$ 9.60
Letter file for secretary50
Postage to date	1.40
Mailing annual reports	4.50
April 3, 1903, warrant 6293—Marion Rock	
Salary as custodian Jan., Feb., and March	120.00
Assistance preparing files	5.50
Stamps, \$.50, drayage, \$1.50	2.00
August 3, 1903, warrant 6913—State Capital	
Binding newspapers	186.20
August 24, 1903, warrant 6937—Lon Whorton	
Register for treas. \$.85, circulars for sec., \$1.50,	2.35
October 12, 1904, warrant 7154—L. McKinlay	
Stamps, \$1.95, Exch. on draft, \$.20	2.15
Drayage, \$2.00, annual meetings, etc. \$1.50	3.50
October 1st 1903, warrant 7155—Marion Rock	
Salary as custodian	120.00
August 3, 1903, warrant 6819—Lon Whorton	
Letterheads and envelopes	6.00
Postage \$.60, express, \$.40	1.00
November 30, 1903, warrant 7391—L. McKinlay	
R. R. fare, \$.65, hotel, \$.40	6.90
December 1st, 1903, warrant 7392—Sydney Clarke	
Salary as custodian	200.00
Postage	6.05
Picture frame	2.45
Freight, cartage, etc.	3.84

February 12, 1904, warrant 7864—Marion Rock	
Freight	4.25
April 1, 1904, warrant 8114—Marion Rock	
Asst. custodian	120.00
Boxes	1.75
April 1, 1904, warrant 8380—L. McKinlay	
Sundry expenses for Society	10.35
April 1, 1904, warrant 8860—Lon Whorton	
Printing	3.40
June 8, 1904, warrant 8416—Marion Rock	
Assisting in historical society	40.00
June 17, 1904, warrant 8482—W. P. Campbell	
Lumber, boxing, etc., for shipping files	1.55
Drayage on files	3.00
Pens and ink, \$.15, labels, \$1.25, stamps, \$3.50	4.90
Exp. at Topeka examining work	7.75
July 1, 1904, warrant 8492—W. P. Campbell	
Salary as custodian June, 1904,	45.00
Lumber and labor, Benjamin, card rack	2.25
July 5, 1904, warrant 8542—Lon Whorton	
Letterheads and express	5.45
August 31, 1904, warrant 8734—Lon Whorton	
Letterheads	3.25
August 1, 1904, warrant 8704—W. P. Campbell	
Salary as custodian, July, 1904,	45.00
August 1, 1904, warrant 8787—W. P. Campbell	
Exp. at Guthrie, meeting ex. committee	2.15
Wrapping paper and for boxing files	1.45
Oklahoman, cards and circulars	5.50
Times-Journal, circulars	2.75
Stamps, \$8.10, express, \$.30	8.40
Fannin, assisting arranging bound volumes	2.00
J. A. Benjamin, shelving	5.25
Twine and incidentals20
August 3, 1904, warrant 8873—Remington Typewriter Co.	
Typewriter	50.00

September 1, 1904, warrant 8894—W. P. Campbell		
Salary as custodian, August, 1904	45.00	
Stamps, \$4.90, express \$.60	5.50	
October 3, 1904, warrant 16E—W. P. Campbell		
Salary as custodian, September, 1904	45.00	
Stamps, \$3.00, pens, paste, etc., \$.20	3.20	
Exp. at Guthrie ex. meeting	3.50	
November 1, 1904, warrant—W. P. Campbell		
Salary as custodian, October, 1904	45.00	
Carbon and wrap paper, twine, etc.	1.75	
Postage, \$2.90, lights, etc., \$.20	3.10	
Expense at Guthrie copying vouchers	3.50	
Times-Journal, Circ. \$2, asst. on files, \$.50	2.50	
November 1, 1904, warrant—Lon Whorton		
Letterheads and express	4.15	
Total		\$ 1221.74

Of the total issue of warrants, \$180.00 was drawn on the unused balance of a former appropriation; leaving a balance unused of the biennial appropriation of 1903-1904, on date of November 30, of \$458.26. But salary account unpaid and bills outstanding for binding and some incidental expenses will require practically all of the current appropriation of \$1,500.00.

J. W. McNEAL,

Treasurer.





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